THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUB-RAMONIYAN): (a) to (d) Government have seen the news-item referred to in the question. According to available information a container/grenade suspected to be a chemical grenade had been recovered by the BSF on 12 January 1997 in village Nuran. On further examination by experts it was found to be a country made grenade and not a chemical grenade. There are no other reports pertaining to recovery/seizure of chemical weapons in J & K. Sustained efforts are being made by the security forces to contain the possibility of smuggling and infiltration of weapons, etc. into the State from across the border.

Withdrawal of claim over Pakistan Occupied Kashmir

3533. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: SHRI O.P. KOHLI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statements of members of the Jammu and Kashmir Government that State Assembly was to debate a resolution on withdrawing claim over Pakistan occupied Kashmir and surrender of Pakistan occupied Kashmir to Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof with reaction thereto;

(c) whether such statements tantamount to violation of the Constitution of India and the oath of office taken by members of Government before assuming office;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to take action in the matter so as to avoid repetition of same in future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUB-RAMONIYAN): (a) to (e) Government are aware of the reports in the media about such statements having been purportedly made by the Members of Jammu & Kashmir Government as also of reports denying/clarifying the same. The position of the Government in this regard is that the whole of the State of J & K, including the area under illegal occupation of Pakistan, and portions of the State illegally ceded by Pakistan, is an integral part of India.

Census report regarding unemployment and Child Labour

3534. SHRI M.D. SALIM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the reaction of Government on the data published by the Registrar-General of India based on computed, tabulated and processed Census Report;

(b) whether Government are aware that according to the Report, the number of working children is pegged at 11.3 million of which 6.2 million are boys and 5.1 million are girls; and

(c) if so, whether the census report contradicts all Government reports on unemployment are child labour?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) As per the 1991 census, the total number of working children in the country is 11.28 million as against an estimated 17.02 million of working children as per the 43rd round of National Sample Survey conducted in 1987-88.

Authentic figures on working children are generated from the census data. The information on working children for the intra census period is estimated on the